

Democratic Meeting in Wayne.
At a meeting of the democratic party of the county of Wayne, held at the Court House in Goldsboro, on the 19th inst., on motion of Wm. K. Lane, H. B. Reives was called to the Chair, and Wm. Robinson appointed Secretary.

The Chairman announced that the object of the meeting was to appoint delegates to attend the district convention, to be held in Newbern on the second Thursday in June, in order to nominate a candidate for Congress, to represent the second Congressional district.

On motion of Wm. K. Lane a committee of five was appointed to prepare resolutions for the consideration of the meeting, whereupon the chairman announced that the following gentlemen constituted said committee: Wm. Robinson, Wm. K. Lane, Dr. J. D. Davis, E. A. Thompson, and John G. Parker. The committee, after a brief consultation, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That we propose of holding a district convention, at Newbern, on the second Thursday of June next, to nominate a candidate for Congress to represent the second Congressional district.

Resolved, That Franklin Pierce, by his fidelity to the constitution of the United States, by his devotion to democratic principles—of which the Constitution is the admitted embodiment—by his firmness in executing the laws wherever such opposition raised its head and by his successfull efforts to preserve the Union, deserves the highest reward.

The Mexican Extraordinary, of the 15th ult., says that the people properly "appreciate the wise policy which has undertaken to eradicate, by a course of gradual reform, that monstrous monopoly which has weighed as a fatal incubus, for ages, upon the political and material prosperity of Mexico."

Comonfort's government appears now to be sufficiently stable for the purpose of negotiating treaties with foreign governments, and it is probable that our government will at all times very soon of the opportunity now offered to obtain a reasonable and satisfactory reformatory for the adjustment of pending questions between us and Mexico.

Resolved, That we regard Pennsylvania's distinguished son as very worthy to fill the chair of his illustrious predecessor. His legislative and diplomatic career, so brilliant and successful, is a guarantee to the nation that the laws will be so administered as to protect the national honor and secure state rights. We therefore pledge ourselves to support his administration by all honorable and legitimate means under our control.

Resolved, That His Excellency, Thomas Bragg, our representative in the Mexican Congress, be sent back to Mexico, and conjectures that they are detained here till the press of business in the new administration shall so far cease as to enable them to consider the subject.

It is true that the subject is to be fully considered and instructions in regard to a new treaty addressed upon. But the loan proposed by Mr. Forsyth is objected to by the present administration, as it was to the last.

Great Britain has, for a long time, held unbounden away the affairs of Mexico, controlling her commerce and her political counsels for her own advantage. Now and then she threatens force, and by this means, as well as by diplomatic bullying, Mexico is kept in constant terror of her. She has a hold upon Mexico, through the unfeasted British debt; convention; and, in the meantime, while she presses the demand for the four millions, she extorts from the country, through her commercial monopolies, and by dredging generally.

May 19.—2½-2 wood—38-2½.

A Back-Horn Chair for the President.

We clip the following from San Francisco Herald of April 26.

On Saturday we saw a great curiosity in the shape of a chair, made entire of silver, and designed to represent James Buchanan, President of the United States. It arrived here on Saturday afternoon on the steamer Goliah. It was made in the Northern part of Humboldt county, by Seth Kimball, a hunter who had retired with it in the city, en route for Washington. It is an elaborate composition of four ornamental horns, with the antlers branching as appropriately as if the whole affair were the work of a carver. The two largest horns compose the hind legs and back, and they incline backward. The other two horns project forward, like legs, and sides, and extend back so as to lap on and firmly fasten in the back of the seat. The feet and original; instead of being old scullers, the humor "brought down" the living ones, and cut off the horns, cut off the heads, with about three inches being attached. This horn is solid and white, as ivory, and the ends on which the chair rests are made of straight pieces of horn, and so neatly joined that they appear to be one piece. The horns, which project from every part of the chair, have points polished like ivory. The seat is of white buckskin, prepared expressly for it by the maker.

An extraordinary excitement (says the New York Tribune of the 18th instant) was occasioned in Bond street yesterday by the gathering in front of Mrs. Cunningham's residence of a number of women and boys. The women, about thirty in number, had not as yet been able to get out—had unanimously agreed with Mrs. Cunningham that they would bear the expense of the entertainment of the General Assembly of the State, in such case made and provided.

STOKEY ATKINSON, Adm'r.

March 27th, 1857

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A. P. COOK and GIDEON COOK, of the County of New Hanover, letters of administration issued to the Estate of Samuel Atkinson, deceased, late of said County, were duly granted by said Court to the Subcriber, who at the same time was qualified as Administrator of the said deceased in due form of law.

All persons indebted to the Estate of the said deceased, are hereby notified to make immediate payment; and those having claims, accounts and demands against the Estate of the said deceased, are requested to present them for payment to the Subcriber within the time prescribed by Law or they will be barred by the law of limitation.

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THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL,

WILMINGTON, N. C., MONDAY, MAY 18, 1857.

Common School Distributors.

His Excellency, the Governor, President *ex officio* of the Literary Board, announces the distribution of the income of the School Fund for the first six months of 1857. We give the distributive shares of the following counties for the information of our readers residing in them:

Beaufort.....	\$1,219 92	Jones.....	472 20
Bladen.....	962 88	Lenoir.....	174 24
Brunswick.....	714 12	McDowell.....	1,046 88
Carteret.....	1,046 26	Moore.....	1,046 26
Columbus.....	636 16	Nash.....	1,084 08
Craven.....	1,479 45	New Hanover.....	1,705 82
Cumberland.....	2,126 76	Owlston.....	882 32
Duplin.....	1,333 46	Rutherford.....	882 32
Edgecombe.....	1,046 46	Sampson.....	1,329 60
Graham.....	638 82	Wayne.....	1,477 32
Hanover.....	1,560 84	Wilkes.....	1,377 36
Johnston.....	1,426 32		

The whole amount of the Spring distribution is \$90,425 04. Harnett will receive its portion with the Cumberland; Wilson will receive 27 1/2 per cent. of that allotted to Edgecombe; 12 1/2 per cent. of that of Nash; 10 1/2 per cent. of Wayne; and an amount of Johnston to be agreed upon by their Chairmen.

We have thus given all that appears to us likely to interest our readers, respectively declining to publish the advertisement at the "rate adopted by the Board for advertising—\$12 00." The rates for advertising in the *Journal* are adopted by Fulton & Price,—and kept standing at the head of their paper, and are the same to all. The rate adopted by the Board, is considerably less than the regular rate of this paper. The rule of uniformity of pay by the State will be perfectly fair, as soon as the State adopts a uniform rule of payment to itself, but not before. When we find an acre of ground in Williamson taxed no higher than an acre on the Blue Ridge, we will see the propriety of the Procrustean idea applied to newspapers in different localities.

We make these remarks in no spirit of querulousness or unnecessary fault-finding. We think, however, that a mistaken view of the rights and duties of newspaper publishers as *business men*, is too prevalent. Their published rates or ought to be the standard for their own guidance, just as fairly and strictly as the schedule of taxes ought to govern and does govern a Sheriff in making his collections and returns.

The Literary Board and its worthy President acts, no doubt, with a disposition to do what it believes right and impartial, and the whole matter is *per se* altogether too small in amount to justify the space we have devoted to it, but this space is only given incidentally on account of the principles involved, not because of any importance attached to the isolated transaction.

In fact, strictly speaking, we have no cause of complaint—the request for us to copy, is a purely optional matter with the board, and is a matter of preference in our favor, and not by any means a matter of dictation to us—we speak generally to the principles governing the press.

Mr. Davis' Lecture.

Last evening the Court House was crowded by a large and fashionable audience, to listen to the Lecture delivered by George Davis, Esq., at the request of the Ladies of the Mount Vernon Association, the proceeds to be applied to the fund for the purchase of the home of Washington.

The building was handsomely decorated by the ladies, and bore little resemblance to the dusty arena wherein John Doe and Richard Roe carry on their fierce contests, or criminals are tried for offences against "the peace and dignity of the State." Still less did the array of fair faces and rich dresses—the flutter of silks and laces, recall the scenes of stern excitement which the same room has witnessed, when the unmitigated and unmangled "sovereigns" assembled in their might on the eve of an election.—Certainly, as an experienced friend remarked, "these women folks are a great institution," touching nothing which they do not adorn, and transforming even a Court House into a bower of roses.

It would be injurious to the orator to attempt any elaborate report of his Lecture, even if it were in our power to make one. His lecture is his property—to be delivered by himself, as very few but himself could deliver it. We merely glance at his topics.

He spoke of the first difficulties between the Royal Governors and the lower house of the colonial legislature arising out of the tax imposed for the redemption of the old French war. Second, of the contest upon the attachment law, resulting in the suspension of all law within the province—of the long contests between the governor and the representatives of the people—of the calling of a provincial convention or Congress without the Royal sanction—of the movements of Gov. Martin—his arming of his palace at Newbern—the capture of the guns planted there, by the whigs of Newbern led by Gaston, and the flight of Martin to Fort Johnston on the Cape Fear. Then how John Ashe drove him out and burned his fort—then the attentions paid His Excellency by the Wilmington Committee of Safety, who watched his movements while he dated his proclamations from on board the Cruiser.

He turned to the gathering of the clans, indulging in a beautiful reference to Flora McDonald. He next glanced at the battle of Moore's Creek, its incidents and its consequences, following the current of events from that time up to the Declaration of Independence, made by the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, on the Fourth of July, 1776, and read by Cornelius Harnett before the provincial Congress at Halifax, in the next month, and received with acclamation by that body and by the assembled multitude. This was the last of the last days of Royalty in North Carolina. Even in name, royalty no longer existed.

It is no mere form of words to say that the lecture was listened to with marked pleasure—delight, would perhaps be the more proper word.

Daily Journal, 15th inst.

THE COMET AND THE MAILED.—About nine o'clock this morning, the Northern mail had not arrived—big thunder-gust came on, black and stormy. Entered a candle factory, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss \$18,000. Insured \$13,500 in New York offices.

The Hon. Edward Everett's lecture on Washington, last night, was enthusiastically received. Not half those who wanted to hear him could get inside the hall, and he will therefore repeat the lecture to-night.

The Election at Providence, R. I.

PROVIDENCE, May 13.—At the city election held to-day there was no choice for Mayor. Mr. Olney, the American and Republican candidate, lacked forty-two votes of an election. The Americans and Republicans elected their ticket for aldermen and for a majority of the members of the common council.

The Jamestown Celebration.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—It is estimated that seven thousand persons, including sixteen military companies, participated yesterday in the Jamestown celebration. Ex-President Tyler occupied two hours and a half in the delivery of the oration. Gov. Wise also spoke in response to the multitude. A display of fireworks and a grand ball terminated the ceremonies in the evening. There were sixteen steamers gayly decked with flags anchored at the island during the celebration.

Later from Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, May 14.—Dates have been received from Mexico to the 1st inst., stating that Crabbie, and a party of fifty men have been taken prisoners in Sonora, and are to be shot.

The Panama Difficulties.

NEW ORLEANS, May 14.—A letter received here from Aspinwall, dated the afternoon of the 4th, reports the U. S. steamer *Wabash* not arrived, but hourly expected. There has been no further arrivals of war vessels at Panama or Aspinwall since its arrival.

Foreign Cotton Adverses, &c.

NEW YORK, May 15th.—The Asia's cotton adverse are extremely disappointing, and failures among the speculators are apprehended.

The Commercial Bank in Havre, France, had failed.

Famine in Michigan.

DETROIT, May 16th.—Great distress exists in Gratiot county and vicinity, in the Northern part of Michigan. Several persons have died from starvation. The cattle are also dying for want of sustenance. A meeting of citizens was held here last night, and resolutions were adopted to raise \$5,000. One thousand dollars were subscribed on the spot.

Flight of Brigham Young from Utah.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Official dispatches warrant the belief that Brigham Young has fled from Utah, as he was known to have been in treaty with the Indians for a safe conduct through their country.

Governor of Newfoundland.

CHARLESTON, May 16.—Sir Alexander Bannerman, the new Governor of Newfoundland, arrived here to-day from Nassau.

Senator Butler of South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, May 16.—Senator Butler's health is very precarious. Little hopes exist of his restoration.

Writing for Newspapers.—The columns of a newspaper present to the well-qualified writer, one of the finest fields for usefulness—a field, to enter which, should be a matter of intense desire. To write well for a newspaper, however, is no easy task. But very few can do it. It requires knowledge, judgment, taste and practice. *The American Presbyterian* speaks thus on the subject:

As a general rule, short pieces are best liked. A gentleman in a bank once told us when we asked him to subscribe for a certain *Quarterly Review* "Read a Review? why, I never read anything longer than a telegraphic dispatch! But I will take it and send it to my brother, who is a minister in the country." The public like a short article, when it is a condensation.

As good newspaper style is not as easy as it seems, its Scylla lies on the side of attempting a popular manner, and succeeding only in being more familiar than a man ought to be at his own table, or degenerating into slang, or becoming very childish. Its Charybdis yawns for those who, shunning Scylla, are determined to have real thought, pith and value in their writing, and so become too learned, or profound, or imaginative, or philosophical for any but scholars or highly cultivated people.

The Grand Duke Constantine had been received at Paris with great honors.

The Queen of Spain's speech will announce the re-establishment of friendly relations with Rome; she hopes Mexico will apologize and pay the indemnity, otherwise hostilities will ensue.

Reports are in circulation that the King of Denmark will be forced to abdicate.

Nothing has been done in the British Parliament but the formalities of organization.

Later from Europe.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The steamship *Asia*, with Liverpool dates to the 2nd May, arrived here to-day.

The steamers *Arago* and *City of Manchester* arrived at Liverpool on the 30th April. On the 28th of April, at midnight, the ship *Tuscarora* collided off Hollyhead with the ship *Andrew Foster*, of New York, bound for Liverpool with a cargo of cotton, wheat and provisions. The latter vessel was sunk almost instantly. The captain and crew were saved. The *Tuscarora* put back to Liverpool.

Account of the slaughter of two hundred Chinese at Shanhaicun, by the British and native troops are confirmed.

The Federal Council of Switzerland have authorized the acceptance of the Neufchâtel propositions.

Mr. Evelyn Dunion has been elected Speaker of the House of Commons.

Increased discontent exists in the Turkish principality.

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In the Isthmus there is nothing later from Nicaragua.

Mr. Fletcher, U. S. Consul at Aspinwall, returned to the George Law.

The Governor of Panama has issued a proclamation prohibiting the entry into Panama of adventurers who have taken or intended to take part in the Central American war.

A bill has passed the California Assembly, applying a third of examiners to fund the indebtedness of San Francisco, accruing previous to July, 1855. In the Assembly the Judiciary Committee had reported a bill preventing the immigration of colored persons. The bill will probably pass. A bill had passed the Senate submitting the payment of the State debt to the people. The legislature had voted to adjourn on the 25th of April.

The mining news is very favorable. Business was dull.

Oregon.

It was generally thought that the people of Oregon will adopt a State form of Government and a Constitution prohibiting slavery.

Utah.

A bill was prevalent at Carson Valley that Brigham Young could be compelled to flee the Salt Lake to save himself from the fury of his flock.

From Washington City.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Col. Fayette McMullen, of Virginia, has been appointed Governor of Washington Territory, vice Mr. Anderson, who has declined.

The Treasury Department will issue transfer draft for the convenience of persons on the Atlantic coast, who may wish to purchase trust lands in Kansas, advertised to be sold in June and July.

From California and Hayava.

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Col. Phillips, on reading that fact, gave a shrick, and exclaimed: "By Jove! He's tall enough to act the 'King of the world'!"

"Jamie, there is a Missus Maloney, she owes me six shillings," said she faintly.

"Oh! Biddy, darlin', yer sensible at the last!" exclaimed the husband.

"Yis, dear, and there's Missus McGrawe, I owe a dollar."

"Oh! Je bahers, you are as foolish as iv'er."

The Ohio and Mississippi Railroad is now completed from Cincinnati to St. Louis, and the trains have again commenced running regularly. The time from this road from St. Louis to New York is forty hours. Tickets may be procured in Cincinnati at the Illinois Central Railroad Office, under the St. Charles Hotel.

New Orleans papers of the 2d inst. contain Galveston dates to the 28th ult. There was almost a famine for breadstuffs in the counties above Bastrop, and \$2 02 was demanded for a bushel of corn. A meeting of the citizens of Bastrop was to be held to procure aid for the sufferers.

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Some of the grand jurors of the last term of the Superior Court of Newbern County, Ga., have died since the adjournment of the court.

There was a hundred dollar bill like the corner of a house? Because it is hard to raise.

Why is a tight boat like a windmill? Because it grinds the corn.

Why is a razor not a razor? When it is a fit tie sharper?

Old Ball is meeting with great success during his present tour to England.

Later from Mexico.

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From the Richmond, Va., South.

Distribution and Free Trade.

The question of the Distribution of the Public Lands, which is now sought to be made a hobby by the Opposition, on which they ride into power, affords a sad illustration of the extent to which the public mind may occasionally be induced to surrender itself to the dominion of one idea, and of the fatal tendency of many to overlook really important measures for side issues of no practical moment whatever. The very gravity and pretentiousness of great issues and dangers have often the effect of turning the mind away from the consideration of unmanly thinkers, and anything that is able to afford a temporary relief from the sense of the approaching storm is eagerly welcomed, in the vain hope of escape by neglecting its progress. It is perhaps owing to this circumstance that in great emergencies, when there is no longer any opportunity of shirking the consideration of real peril, leading minds and strenuous characters rise to the defense of the country.

Mr. Calhoun paid his last visit to Charleston, on his way, for the last time, to the national capital, we called on and had a very interesting conversation with him, at the Charleston Hotel, on the then complicated and serious condition of national affairs. He relieved the gravity of his general discourse, however, by an allusion to Judge Butler, followed by the narration of an amazing anecdote concerning him. The Judge, then the Senatorial colleague of Mr. C., seemed to be deeply seated in the favor, affection and confidence of his senior associate. Mr. C. proceeded to